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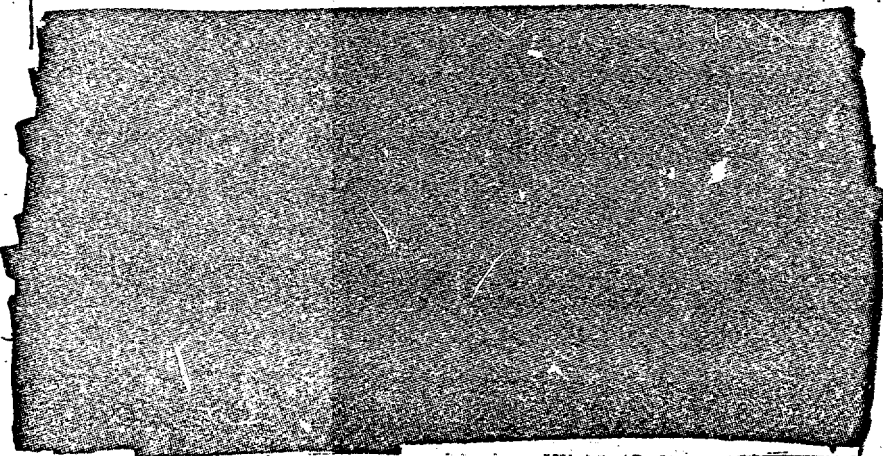
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SUBJECT Capture of a Downed U.S. Pilot DATE DISTR 9 January 1970  
in Son La Province, North Vietnam

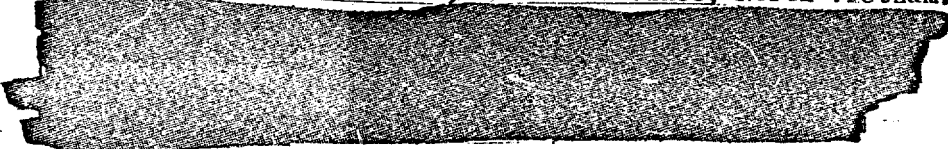
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1. In the spring of 1965, a U.S. aircraft crashed in Ban Giang Hamlet, three kilometers southwest of the district capital of Son La, Son La Province, North Vietnam.

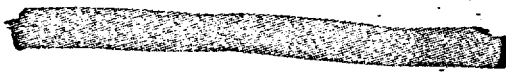


2. When the source arrived at the location of the crash, the pilot had been apprehended by the local hamlet residents. He was uninjured and was standing near his

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red and white parachute. The pilot was dressed in olive drab coveralls with no identifying insignia on his uniform. He appeared to be about 35 to 40 years old, 1.8 meters in height and weighed approximately 80 kilograms. He had hazel colored eyes. The source could not remember the color of the pilot's hair.

3. The source described the aircraft as a two-engined jet, silver in color, with seats for "many passengers." The tail of the aircraft was "round" and the wings were perpendicular to the fuselage with the rear edge trailing back. The aircraft was identified [REDACTED] as an "AD-6."

Comment: The source was shown rough sketches of wing and tail configurations. Those that he identified most closely resembled that of a Canberra Jet Bomber.) The aircraft had not caught fire when it had crashed and was intact. Once the aircraft had been stripped of its "important parts" by local security authorities, the remainder was left for the populace to salvage.

4. The source, along with the other members of the unit, escorted the pilot back to Son La where he was turned over to an armed Peoples' Public Security unit, a special police organization. The pilot was not mistreated during the walk from Ban Giang to Son La, but did appear "very scared." A few days later, the pilot made a radio broadcast in Son La giving some personal biographic data and stating that his mission had been to bomb the Son La area. He made no restitution and made only one broadcast. Comment: Source was repeatedly asked if he could remember the pilot's name or any part of it, but he reiterated that it had been so long ago that he could not remember many of the details.)

5. The source believed that the U.S. pilot was initially taken to a prison located five kilometers north of Son La in Ban Hai, aka Ban Co, Hamlet. The prison had four to five buildings, 40 to 50 meters long and was used for holding North Vietnamese political prisoners, and South Vietnamese "spies." After the U.S. pilot left Son La, the source did not see or hear about him again. He assumed that the pilot was transferred to Hanoi, as all captured U.S. pilots eventually were taken there. The last time the source saw the pilot, however, he was in good physical condition. 1129

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